

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/600,095

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to April 07, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

Allowable Subject Matter

1 This communication is in response to applicant's amendment to first non-final office action, which was filed April 07, 2006.

2 Arguments to the claims have been entered and made of record in the application of Jindal for a "Universal soft remote control " filed on June 20, 2003.

Claims 1-19 are the same as originally filed.

New claims 20-22 are introduced.

Claims 1-22 are allowed as evident by applicant's arguments.

Claims 1-22 are pending.

3 The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The combined prior arts of record disclose or suggest a universal remote control for providing wireless remote control of one or more devices, the devices being equipped for remote control by respective original remote controls having visual appearances different from one another, the universal remote control comprising a memory that stores one or more descriptions associated with one or more original remote controls that are selectively emulated keys by the universal remote control, the descriptions including information describing the visual appearances of the original remote control keys that the descriptions are associated with, and a graphical user interface upon

which is displayed a representation of one of the original remote controls selected for emulation by the universal remote control, which the visual appearance representation may be user defined or customizes.

4 However, the combined prior arts of record fail to disclose or suggest a universal remote control for providing wireless remote control of one or more devices, where the universal remote control includes that stores one or more descriptions associated with one or more original remote controls that are selectively emulated by the universal remote control, the descriptions including information describing the visual appearances of the original remote controls that the descriptions are associated with a graphical user interface upon which is displayed a representation of one of the original remote controls selected for emulation by the universal remote control, the representation having a visual appearance substantially the same as the original remote control being emulated. Also, determining which one of the original remote controls to emulate and displaying a replica of the original remote control being emulated, where the replica having a visual appearance substantially the same as the original remote control being emulated and by respective original remote controls having visual appearances different from one another.

Conclusion

5 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sisay Yacob whose telephone number is (571) 272-

8562. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

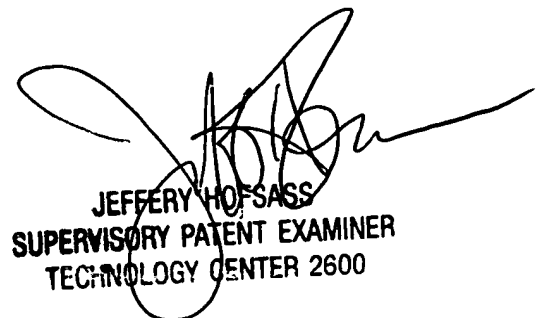
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffery A. Hofsass can be reached on (571) 272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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